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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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#### **Background of the Invention**

##### Field of the Invention

*Please insert the following after line 17 on page 1:*

##### Description of Related Art

*Please insert the following after line 4 on page 3:*

##### Summary of the Invention

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 10 on page 3 with the following:*

~~The problem is solved by the characterizing features of claims 1 and 3.~~ In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, a method for adjusting nip line spacing in a drawing mechanism of a draw frame for fibre slivers is provided. The drawing mechanism including at least two adjustable mounting devices defining a nip line spacing therebetween, each mounting device including at least one lower roller, at least one upper roller adjustably mounted on top of the lower roller, and at least one pulley wheel, the at least one pulley wheel in driving connection with a driving element. The method includes unlocking at least one of the at least two mounting devices; adjusting the nip line spacing between the at least two mounting devices via the drive element; and relocking the at least one of the at least two mounting devices.

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~~Claims 2, 4 to 9, and 11 to 67 contain advantageous developments of the invention.~~

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Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawings

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Detailed Description of the Invention

***Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 on page 9 with the following:***

In accordance with Fig. 3a, the lower rollers II and III are driven from the right-hand side, seen in the direction of material flow A, by means of a common loop mechanism in the form of toothed belt wheels 40, 41 and a toothed belt 47. The different speeds of rotation of the lower rollers II and III are achieved by means of change-gearwheels at the drive trunnions IIa, IIIa provided with different numbers of teeth. The toothed belt 47 runs in direction B (that is to say contrary to the work direction) onto the control drive, which is in the form of a servo motor 19. The lower roller I is driven from the left-hand side of the machine by means of a loop mechanism in the form of toothed belt wheels and a toothed belt 47. For that purpose, the toothed belt 47 runs on the left-hand side from the toothed belt ~~disc~~ wheel 40 at the lower roller I in direction G on to the servo motor 20.

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The toothed belt wheels 40, 41 are associated with the mountings 34a and 33a, respectively, whereas the guide pulley wheels 42, 46 are attached to the sliders 35a and 36a, respectively, in a manner allowing rotation. Because of the rigid attachment between the mounting 34a and the slider 36a and between the mounting 33a and the slider 35a (for example, by means of bolts), there are associated with the lower rollers II and III, in each case, one toothed belt wheel 40 to 41 and one guide pulley wheel 46 and 42, respectively. The toothed belt 47 runs

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around the pulley wheels 40, 46, on the one hand, and around the pulley wheels 41, ~~pulley-wheel~~ 42, on the other hand, in a mirror-reflected arrangement (see Fig. 3b).

***Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 11 on page 16 with the following:***

In accordance with Fig. 7, a pneumatic cylinder 60 having a piston rod 61 is attached to the slider 36a. When subjected to pressure from the pneumatic cylinder 60, the piston rod 61 is moved out in the direction of arrow P and comes to rest, with a high degree of contact pressure, against the machine frame 61 ~~19~~. The slider 36a is fixed (stopped) so that it cannot be displaced with respect to the bar 37a, for as long as compressed air is applied to the pneumatic cylinder 60.